

## Working Group Minutes

Working Group 4 Sweden

Meeting # 5

Date: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

### Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Linda Millsvik	Present
University of Gothenburg	John Molander	Present
Jönköping University	Eric Freid	Not present
Karolinska Institute	<b>Johanna Gasslander</b>	Not present
	Ulrica Kristhammar	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	<b>Åsa Andersson</b>	Present
	Hans Lundin	Not present
Linköping University	Therese Winder	Present
Linnaeus University	Stefan Haglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Robert Omberg	Present
Lund University	Maria Lindblad	Present
Mid Sweden University	Ellen Horbach	Not present
Mälardalen University	<b>Johanna Forsström</b>	Not present
	Niclas Johansson	Present
Stockholm University	Tina Larsson	Present
Uppsala University	Lina Solander	Present & Group Leader
<b>Partners</b>		
Swedish Embassy	Jenny Majidyar	Present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Present
SIREUS Trainees	Louise Andersson	Present
	Bianca Ström	Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present

## Agenda

1. Welcome
  - a. Update on WG participants
  - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Review of activities
  - a. New Study in Sweden, Somewhere....
3. Proposal of metrics/KPI for subgoals & activities
4. Any update on subgoals/activities
  - a. FAFSA – Status & actions
5. Next meetings

## Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used containing information that was sent out prior to the meeting. This ppt presentation will be archived on the SIREUS website alongside the minutes.

## Minutes

1. Lina opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Then Christer reviewed the minutes from previous meeting and gave a quick update from other SIREUS activities.
2. Lina presented the agenda for the meeting and emphasized that the main topic for the meeting was to discuss if we should plan for another **“Study in Sweden”** event in Washington, DC and/or at any other location during 2023. Lina asked the group and some of the comments were;
  - a. “Yes, interested to have it recurring somewhere.”
  - b. “What time of the year should we have it, wrt admission cycle.”
  - c. “Maybe a good time would be Oct/Nov”
  - d. “It would be interesting to see if we could have it in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington State or back in Washington, DC”
  - e. “Can we do something in conjunction with NAFSA, end of May in Washington, DC”
  - f. “If NAFSA, then we could invite alumni and incoming students.”
  - g. “We also need to raise bigger questions with the Embassy – new VISA rules that are being considered.

### **Actions:**

- i. **Christer to explore a potential event in conjunction with NAFSA @ House of Sweden.**
  - ii. **Lina to gathering information about interest of a Study in Sweden during 2023, when, where and who.**
3. **Proposal of metrics/KPI for subgoals & activities.** This topic was not discussed at this meeting; however, Christer emphasized that the WG need to bring up the topic about Goals & Activities and KPI during the next WG. **It was decided that Lina and Christer will do the first review and present at the next meeting.**  
Christer asked about the definition of Career Fairs (Action 4.1.1 in the Goals & Activities), since the SIREUS team have started to research and map the opportunities. The group agreed it should be interpreted as Student Fairs.
4. **Any update on subgoals/activities.** One of the topics that have been discussed and needs further attention is financing and scholarships. The group discussed the **FAFSA situation** in detail. The Swedish

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Embassy have raised the topic in the diplomatic channel and the Swedish Department of Education have reached out to some universities. Johan, GU have a meeting set up with US Department of Education and will brief the group of any result from the meeting. Lina informed that UU would leave the FAFSA program as it currently stands. Since the FAFSA topic is mostly interesting for some of the members, it was decided to continue offline with this and included information during our next WG meeting.

5. Next scheduled meeting is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 13.00 CET. Christer presented the meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation), and will send out invites for 2023 as follows,
  - a. March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - b. May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - c. June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - d. August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - e. October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - f. November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)

The meeting calendar will also be published on the website (private area).

No other topics was discussed, and Lina thanked the members for the meeting.

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